

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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RELEASED: July 6,1999 3:00 p.m.– Temperatures were at or slightly above normal for most of the state except north Arkansas which had temperatures below normal. Heavy rainfall occurred over parts of north and west central Arkansas during the first part of the week. South Arkansas had below normal rainfall for the week according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 4.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 8 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 22 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included planting soybeans, harvesting wheat and hay, flooding rice fields, irrigating corn and rice, and fertilizing corn, cotton, rice, and pastures, making mid-season nitrogen applications to rice.

CROPS: Planting of soybeans was reported by several counties. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and insecticides to cotton for thrips. Tomatoes and peaches were being harvested.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given bang vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control, ear tagging cattle, and were reported in good condition statewide.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				0	4	27	58	11
Planted	100	100	100					
Emerged	100	100	100					
Headed	16	39	20					
COTTON				0	1	19	63	17
Squaring	97	95	92					
Setting Bolls	9	31	16					
RICE				0	2	20	56	22
Headed	0	8	3					
SOYBEANS				0	3	30	54	13
Emerged	90	91	88					
Blooming	13	16	9					
CORN				0	2	24	51	23
WHEAT				0	4	11	74	11
Harvested	97	100	94					
OATS				0	0	60	40	0
Harvested	93	100	90					
ALFALFA				0	0	13	80	7
OTH. HAY				0	4	25	60	11
PASTURE				0	4	22	60	14

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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